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## **NEWS/MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SMILE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE NOV. 20, 2004, 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM #318 OXFORD RD. ROUTE 67 (NEXT TO THE POST OFFICE)**

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE OXFORD RESIDENT TROOPER'S OFFICE IS HELPING DR. BRUCE AND DEBORAH SOFFERMAN ALONE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, SOPHIA COLLECT FROZEN TURKEYS, CANNED FOODS AND MONETARY DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF SPOONER HOUSE SHELTER AND AREA CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER (ACT) IN DERBY, CT.

AS WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, MANY OF US PAUSE TO THINK OF THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. THEY ARE OUR VERY NEIGHBORS WHO REQUIRE HELPFUL ACTIONS, WHICH SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. AS A RESULT OF THE FOOD DRIVE LAST YEAR, 1,100 FAMILIES WERE PROVIDED WITH TURKEYS AND GROCERIES DURING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS, 3,500 PEOPLE WERE SERVED MEALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (2,000 PLUS CHILDREN). MORE THEN 500 CHILDREN RECEIVED TOYS.

TWENTY YEARS AGO, WHEN THE SOFFERMAN FAMILY BEGAN THIS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE, THEY SAW A NEED TO AID MANY UNFORTUNATE FAMILIES IN THE VALLEY. THE NEED CONTINUES TO GROW BY ALMOST 20%.

THE SMILE FOOD DRIVE IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IT IS A COMPLETELY GRASSROOTS EFFORT OF VALLEY NEIGHBORS HELPING OTHER VALLEY NEIGHBORS. EVERY COLLECTED ITEM/CENT GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SPOONER HOUSE SHELTER AND VALLEY FOOD BANK. THERE ARE NO EXTRA COSTS TO COVER, NO ADVERTISING OR FUNDRAISING EXPENSES, NO STAFF OR SALARIES, ALL ARE PURELY BASED ON DONATIONS.

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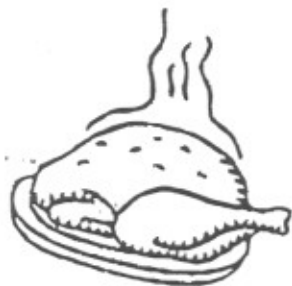
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2004 FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM THE SOFFERMAN'S, THE OXFORD RESIDENT STATE TROOPER'S OFFICE AND SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ONCE AGAIN, STANDING ON RT. 67 IN OXFORD, CT. AT SMILE DENTAL CENTER LOCATED AT #318 OXFORD RD. (RT. 67) NEXT TO THE POST OFFICE WAVING TO PASSERSBY, COLLECTING DONATIONS AND HOPEFULLY BRING SMILES TO WELL DESERVED FACES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE OXFORD RESIDENT TROOPER'S OFFICE FROM NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2004 TO DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2004 WILL BE EXCEPTING FROZEN TURKEYS AND NON PERISHABLE FOODS AT OUR OFFICE AS A DROP OFF CENTER TO HELP SUPPORT DR. BRUCE SOFFERMAN AND THE SPOONER HOUSE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

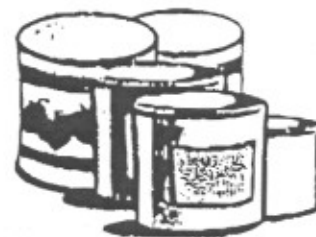
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RES. TRO. TFC. *J. D. Butkevicius* #1304

RESIDENT TROOPER JOHN D. BUTKEVICIUS #1304



**WE NEED  
FROZEN TURKEYS  
AND CANNED FOOD  
NOW!!!**



*As we celebrate the holidays in our homes*

**Spooner House Shelter &  
Area Congregations Together  
NEED FOOD**  
(800 Families ~ 2,000+ children served)

**You Can Help: Donate and Drop Off**

**Saturday, November 20, 2004**

**Smile Dental Center**

**318 Oxford Road ~ Route 67**

**(next to the Post Office)**

**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



***Meet A Pilgrim Family. Share the Gift.***

**The following items are most needed for our Operation Holiday  
Program**

**Gift Cards to grocery or retail stores, \$25.00 or more**

**Instant /Canned Potatoes**

**Canned or Powdered Milk**

**Canned Fruit / Juice**

**Rice / Stuffing**

**Gravy (LOTS!)**

**Sugar / Coffee**

**Canned Hams**

**Frozen Turkeys**

**Vegetables**

**Dessert Mix's / Pie Fillings / Pie Crust**

**Box's (Like the ones your copy paper comes in)**